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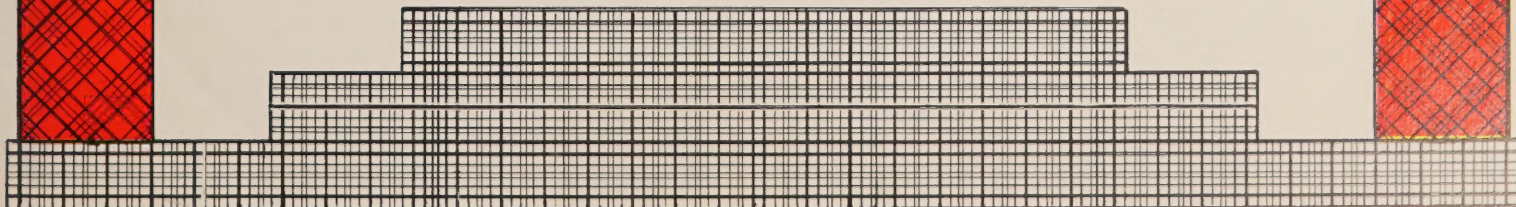
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REGULAR MEETING

New Bern Lodge of Perfection No. 6
Monday Night, April 12, 1971 — 8:00 P.M.
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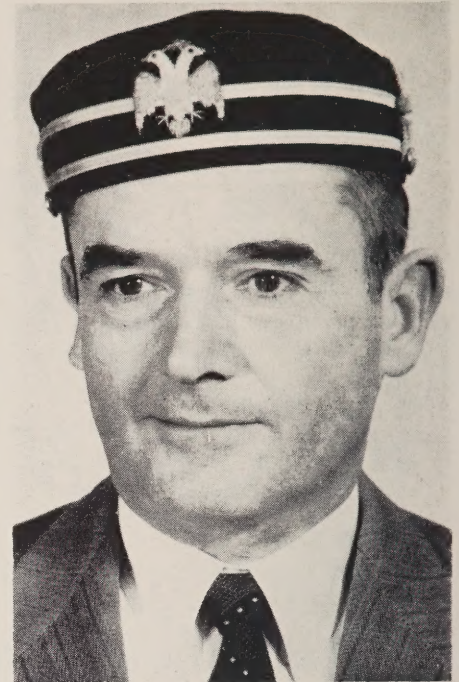
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MEET OUR NEW TREASURER



Clifford W. Heath, 32°

On Monday evening, March 8, the Nominating Committee which had been appointed to recommend a successor to Brother Wallace E. Jones, 32°, K.C.C.H., as Treasurer of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern, made its report. Brother Jones had served many years, very efficiently and faithfully in this capacity, but had declared the time had now come when the position should be held by a younger man. His resignation was accepted with regret and the committee recommended one of our most active and faithful members, Brother Clifford W. Heath, 32°, to serve as Treasurer. There were no other nominations and Brother Heath was elected unanimously, thus expressing the confidence the Brethren have in his loyalty and ability. Brother Heath has served Masonry for some years. He is a native of New Bern and is now employed by the Longley Supply Company. He is a member of Doric Lodge No. 568 and served as Master of that Lodge. He was made a Master of the Royal Secret, or 32° Mason, November 20, 1947, and he has served the Scottish Rite Bodies, being elected as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection, Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix, and is now Master of Ceremonies of the New Bern Council of Kadosh.

Brother Heath is welcomed heartily to this position of trust and responsibility. We feel confident that the finances of the Scottish Rite Bodies are in excellent hands.



THE BAGPIPE



SECRETARY'S PAGE

When you receive this issue of the BAGPIPE, we are looking forward to the Scottish Rite observance of the Easter Season which is commemorated with the use of two very beautiful and meaningful ceremonies. The first of these is the Ceremony of Extinguishing the Lights, signifying the contest between light and darkness, good and evil, temporary obscurity of light and good by darkness and evil. This service will feature an inspiring address by one of our beloved members, Brother Wilmer Chesson, 32°, from Plymouth. Brother Chesson is a deeply spiritual person and we are proud to have him bring the message this time.

The other service is held on Easter morning and is preceded by a breakfast in the C. A. Seifert Dining Hall, which begins at about 7:15. If we follow custom, however, the breakfast might begin earlier than that, but at any rate, those who come at 7:15 or even 7:30 will be taken care of. Immediately after breakfast, the Ceremony of Relighting the Lights will be held in our beautiful Scottish Rite auditorium. This ceremony signifies the ultimate and final triumph of light over darkness and of good over evil.

Then we look forward to the regular business meeting on the following Monday night, April 12th, at 8:00 o'clock, and this meeting actually is the "kick-off" for our Immortality Reunion, which begins the next morning. Brethren throughout the Valley of New Bern have been making plans for the best Reunion we have ever had and reports from everywhere indicate a large class of candidates. Since we are honoring one of our most beloved members, Brother Dick Lucas, 33°, it is essential that we provide for him a class of candidates that would be worthy of the fine qualities he possesses.

Your attention is directed also to the cover of this issue on which we are featuring the pictures of three of our distinguished Brethren. The first, of course, is our beloved Grand Master, Most Worshipful Maurice E. Walsh, 33°, of North Wilkesboro. In exactly one week after our Reunion closes, our Grand Master will have ended his year as the administrative head and leader of Masonry in North Carolina. He has had a wonderful year; he has given guidance and direction to the magnificent program of Masonic education which bids fair to place North Carolina in the forefront in this respect. Brother Dick Lucas, 33°, also graces the cover of this issue, very appropriately, since we are building our Reunion around him. Most Worshipful Brother James W. Brewer, 33°, has just been elected and installed as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection, and we are happy to welcome this distinguished and beloved Mason, Past Grand Master of Masons in N. C. and currently Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, to the official family of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern.

Brethren, you will still have a few days in which to round up those candidates! Utilize every opportunity that presents itself, and nothing will prevent our having the best Reunion yet.

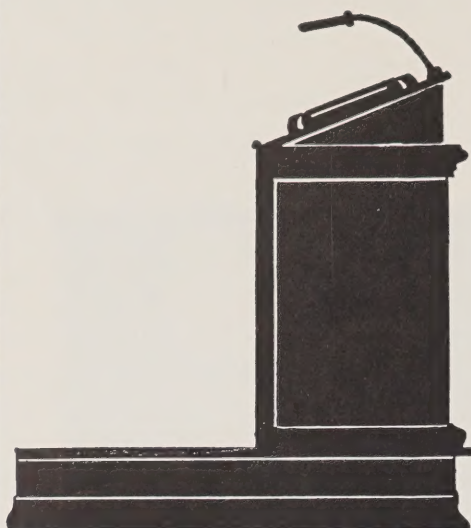
Sincerely yours,

R. L. Pugh

Robert L. Pugh, 33°
Secretary



R. L. PUGH, 33°



From The Classroom



BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

HOW TO ENJOY SCOTTISH MASONRY

Our Blue Lodge Masonry has been defined as a "Fellowship seeking to bring men together, the better to teach them to honor and to love one another." This is a noble vision and no one attempting to estimate the real underlying meaning of the human race can afford to ignore it. Be he a Prince or a Peasant, the door of Masonry is barred against him until he confesses his faith in God, the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

I love to think that Scottish Rite Masonry is the mountain top of our entire Masonic System. *How, then do we enjoy Scottish Rite Masonry?* Our Scottish Rite Masonry exists as a Philosophy which lights up the world around it, like a sunrise bringing meaning out of mystery and adds dignity to one's own being. Its' first real enjoyment comes from looking within; new concepts of meaning are continually pointed out as we view ourself and our possibilities as never before. No one has yet fathomed the deep springs of truth that come from Scottish Masonry. It sets one's feet on higher ground and invests him with the Spirit and will to move forward. It makes for government without tyranny; religion without superstition. It is not out to destroy men but win them over to a higher and greater fellowship.

I have heard of ministers that protested the meaning of our Movement. This is like trying to estimate the beauty and value of a stained glass window from the outside. It can not be done. You must, first, go inside the building and look at it from within, to appreciate its

beauty and meaning. Some of our greatest ministers belong to our Movement; their view from within illumined a whole new world for them, as it does for us.

As to whether men enjoy Scottish Rite Masonry will depend on whether they first grasp the meaning of its symbolism and its high ideals of Masonry. One of the first lessons every entrant into Masonry learns is that it "is a peculiar system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." It is to be deplored that some Brethren are content merely to be informed of that and do not trouble to understand the meaning of these symbols. The deeper things in Masonry cannot be communicated to another by a mere recital of its ritual. Each man has thoughtfully to discover and learn for himself, this he does in higher Masonry. The ceremonial, the enforcement of the high principles of Scottish Masonry, and the display of its symbols are features of Scottish Masonry to which we are accustomed, but the inward, intellectual and spiritual meaning which they represent are only discerned by those brethren who have vision and discernment to grasp them. "He that hath ears to hear, then, let him hear." For example, is it too much to say that Higher Masonry, by means of its ceremonies, offers to those who have eyes to see a philosophy of the spiritual life of man?

So it is in Scottish Masonry; at first we are baffled and perplexed, and it is not until we seriously follow its symbolism that we come to understand its idealism and charm. As its meaning dawns upon us, we are charmed with its rich symbolism and the impassioned thrill of its ritual, and we come to understand its place in society, in building up

a vast brotherhood uniting men of every language and colour.

Scottish Masonry, though highly organized, is a system of thought and practice always providing and enforcing some great spiritual truth, and it should be the supreme aim of every man entering within its portals to understand these aspects of spiritual truth, with a view to their full expression in daily life and practice.

Self-sacrifice and service must be daily developments in the life and character of a Mason. No man can learn the truth of Scottish Masonry for another, and no man can learn it alone. Our wonderful Movement brings men together in mutual respect, sympathy, and good will, and teaches them that manhood is best developed by self-sacrifice and service, making the heart a sanctuary of faith, a shrine of love, and an altar of purity and hope. It is this that enables Scottish Masonry to unite men of varied types, education and status into one great and enduring fellowship.

Thus, within our own soul do we find our place and our work here on earth and then we see the real enjoyment of Scottish Masonry. The crown is not here, but it fits us for our place there.

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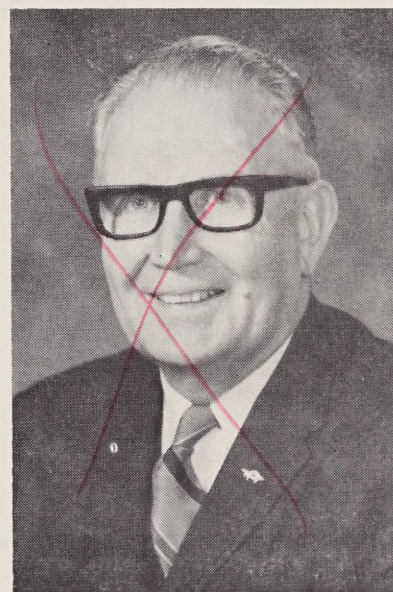
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Ill. Richard H. (Dick) Lucas, 33°



Most Worshipful Brother Maurice E. Walsh, 33°
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Three days of moral and spiritual enlightenment. On this occasion we are honoring one of our most outstanding and beloved members, Brother Richard H. (Dick) Lucas, 33°, who himself has become a symbol of Immortality with us. It is doubtful that any man has meant more to the spiritual welfare of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern than has this beloved Brother. In honoring him, therefore, we are in reality honoring ourselves and we take a great deal of pride in building this Immortality Reunion around the personality of "Dick" Lucas. The program honoring Brother Lucas will be held at the evening dinner hour in the C. A. Seifert Banquet Hall at 6:30.

In addition, the Scottish Rite Bodies in our Valley are privileged to have a visit from the Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, Most Worshipful Brother Maurice E. Walsh, 33°, of North Wilkesboro, N. C. Our Grand Master has given dynamic leadership to Masonry in North Carolina this year and through his introduction of a program of Masonic education he has placed North Carolina in the vanguard of progressive Grand Lodges in the country. Most Worshipful Brother Walsh will address the Brethren at the evening dinner hour on Thursday, April 15, at 5:45 P.M.

Maundy Thursday



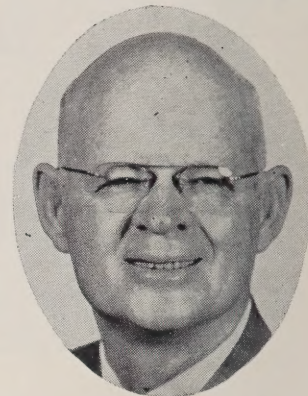
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Wilmer C. Chesson, 32°



TENEBRAE

"It is the hour when the veil of the Temple was rent in twain; when darkness reigned and consternation oppressed all the earth when the Flaming Star was eclipsed and the shadow overcame the Light, when the Columns and Working Tools of the old Masonry were shattered, and when the Cubical Stone sweated water and blood the instant when the Word was lost."

Call of Chapter—To Labor

Edward C. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Wise
Master, Presiding

Prayer W. L. Adams, 33°

Remarks

"Calvary"

Address Wilmer C. Chesson, 32°

Call of Chapter—To Refreshment

Mystic Banquet

Ceremony of Extinguishing the Lights



Easter Sunday

April 11, 1971 — 7:30 A.M.

BREAKFAST

LUX TENEBRIS

"THE MOMENT when the word was received; when the Cubical Stone was changed into the Mystic Rose; when the Blazing Star re-appeared in all its splendor, the Columns of the Temple were re-established and the Working Tools of Masonry were restored; when the True Light dispelled the Darkness, and the New Law began to rule upon the earth."

Call of Chapter—To Labor

Edward C. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Wise
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Call of Chapter—To Refreshment

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Ceremony of Relighting the Lights

Benediction

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Maundy Thursday and Easter Ritualistic Team

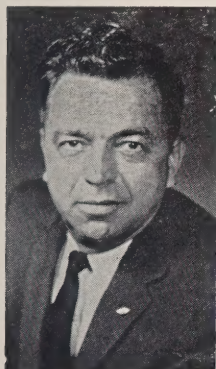
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"The meetings of Maundy-Thursday and Easter Sunday, are indispensable. Even if a Knight be alone in a place, he must, in spirit at least, meet on the former day with his brethren. If a brother be traveling and meets another on the road, they are obliged to go to some convenient place to perform this duty. If two Knights live within twenty miles of each other they must meet and celebrate the mystic supper."

Bagpipe Skirls

Dear Brethren,

Spring is in the air. What a wonderful season. Many things have been said and



written about it, but I don't believe anyone can sum it up better than Solomon when he wrote, "For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; The fig tree

putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell."

Yes, spring that shows the hand of Mother Nature, the parade of Easter hats and finery, and another Reunion.

"If spring came but once in a century instead of once a year, or burst forth with the sound of an earthquake and not in silence, what wonder and expectation there would be in all hearts to behold the miraculous change." Henry Wadsworth Longfellow takes the credit for that.

Sometimes life has so many troubles and disappointments you feel you are going through your days trying to go up a down-escalator.

The only fellow who enjoys constantly being down in the mouth is a dentist.

During inspection at a Boy Scout camp, the director found an umbrella in the bedroll of a tiny Scouter. Since the umbrella was obviously not one of the items of equipment authorized, the director asked the lad for an explanation. The tenderfoot neatly countered with this question, "Sir, did you ever have a mother?"

Junior was one of those little terrors, and papa was surprised when mama suggested they buy him a bicycle.

"Do you think it will improve his behavior?" papa asked.

"No," replied mama grimly, "but it spread it over a wider area."

If one only wished to be happy, this could be accomplished; but we wish to be happier than other people, and this is always difficult, for we believe others to be happier than they are.

If seeds in the black earth can turn into such beautiful roses, what might not the heart of man become in its long journey toward the stars?

Bobby could hardly wait to tell his kindergarten teacher the news. He rushed up to her, his face alight. "I can dress myself!" he shouted.

"My, isn't that splendid!" she beamed

enthusiastically.

As the morning wore on, Bobby raised his hand three different times and repeated the tidings. Finally, the teacher, exasperated, implied rather strongly that the news had lost its freshness. So, after a fifth interruption and repetition, Bobby was sent to sit in the corner behind the screen.

All was silent and serene for about five minutes. Then Bobby reappeared, and proudly proclaimed, "Look! I can undress myself, too."

All sunny skies would be too bright,
All morning hours mean too much light,
All laughing days too gay a strain;
There must be clouds, and night, and rain,
And shut-in days, to make us see
The beauty of life's tapestry.

Now Brethren, until we meet again,
"May you live all the days of your life."

Your piper,
Paul Stevens

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Director of Dining Room, Charles T. Potter, 33°

REUNION ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, April 13, 1971

- 10:00 A.M.— 4°—Secret Master. Charles T. Potter, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by M. D. Ophille, H. L. Lundy, J. E. Lewis, Pete McSorley and Tom McCaffy.
- 10:45 A.M.— 5°—Perfect Master. Ben F. Gillikin, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by C. W. Guptil, J. G. McDaniel, Dewey Gillikin, L. T. Barrington, H. L. Lundy, J. E. Blaylock, Andrew Murphy, Pete McSorley, Bill Stovall, Johnny West and T. H. Miller.
- 11:45 A.M.— 6°—Confidential Secretary. W. J. Rogers, Master of Degree. Assisted by Chas. P. Gaskins, Paul Jewett and Leslie H. Garner.
- 12:15 P.M.— 7°—Provost and Judge. W. I. Gause, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by L. Guy Matthis, B. L. Parker, M. D. Ophille, R. L. Pugh and Bill Stovall.
- 1:00 P.M.— —Luncheon.
- 2:15 P.M.— 8°—Intendant of Building. Earl Noe, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by C. F. Lewis, S. C. Chadwick, Jr., Dallas Willis, Odell Merrill and W. J. Ipock, Jr.
- 3:00 P.M.— 9°—Elu of Nine. Charles T. Potter, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by James B. Davis, L. Guy Matthis, M. D. Ophille, B. F. Gillikin, H. J. MacDonald, H. W. Gillikin, Guy Langston, L. T. Barrington, Robert Ray Harrison, Coy Wetherington, J. G. McDaniel, Elijah Cannon and Pete McSorley.
- 4:00 P.M.—10°—Elu of Fifteen. C. W. Guptil, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Bill Blair, Neil Vester, Miller Basnight, J. L. Ashley, A. F. Wood, Jerry T. Whitford, H. C. Lilly and Garland E. Taylor.
- 4:45 P.M.—11°—Elu of Twelve. Charles H. Whedbee, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Paul Jewett, Clyde Stubbs, Neil Vester, Miller Basnight, William C. Kellum and Marshal Harvey.
- 12°—Communicated.
- 5:45 P.M.—13°—Royal Arch of Solomon. Bill Blair, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Richard H. Lucas, Jack G. White, Raymond Leggett, E. P. Blair and Johnny West.

Program Scottish Rite Reunion (Cont.)

6:30 P.M. —Dinner.

7:30 P.M.—14°—Perfect Elu. Louis N. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by B. F. Gillikin, Nelson Banks, Wm. R. Waters, C. W. Guptil, James E. Blaylock, W. E. Gardner, Andrew Murphy, Howard B. Constat, Jack Edwards and Johnny West.

Wednesday, April 14, 1971

9:15 A.M.—15°—Knight of the East. G. C. Langston, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by A. T. Willis, Jr., Raymond Leggett, Chas. T. Potter, O. J. Aldridge, C. Wallace Jackson, N. M. Baxter, Dusty Rhodes, Richard P. Geary, Lee Gearhart and Tom McCree.

16°—Communicated.

11:15 A.M.—17°—Knight of the East and West. Nelson Banks, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Ashley G. Leggett, Harry L. Mann, Raymond Leggett, Harold Sawyer, Edward Ray Edwards and S. Jack Tripp.

12:00 M. —Luncheon.

1:15 P.M.—18°—Knight of Rose Croix. A. T. Willis, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by S. A. McPherson, Jr., R. L. Pugh, Eddie Paul, Jr. and Wm. R. Waters.

19°—Communicated.

3:30 P.M.—20°—Master of Symbolic Lodge. William C. Hammond, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by D. L. McRainey, R. V. McBryde, Alex Arab, William P. Jackson, Norris M. Vallandingham, Warren H. Coolidge, Clifford C. Duell and William Oliver.

4:45 P.M.—21°—Noachite or Prussian Knight. John G. Ormsby, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Kermit Guthrie, R. L. Pugh, W. H. Scott, Guy C. Langston, C. T. Potter, Johnny West, Marshall Harvey and Oscar Aldridge.

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5:30 P.M.—26°—Prince of Mercy. Reynold S. Davenport, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by J. C. Vail, G. E. Roberts, Louie J. Smith, Charles W. Sumnerlin, P. T. Lancaster, Angus D. Hatsell and Frank A. Smith.

6:30 P.M. —Dinner. Dick Lucas Night.

7:30 P.M.—27°—Knight Commander of the Temple. E. W. Paul, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Neil Vester, J. D. Reese, A. N. Heath, W. H. Purser, E. P. Blair, Oscar Sermons, W. R. Newell, O. J. Aldridge, A. T. Willis, Jr., Gly C. Langston, Raymond Leggett, W. H. Scott and Bill Stovall.

28°—Communicated.

8:45 P.M.—29°—Scottish Knight of St. Andrew. Francis W. Clark, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Clinton E. Bunch, Samuel A. McPherson, Jr., Cosby S. Jones, Walter T. Kirby, Wilborne M. Smith, Irvin Weatherly, W. T. Hawkins, L. T. Barrington, Everett Brothers, Carlise Williams, Theron Dabbs and Wilton Walker, Jr.

Thursday, April 15, 1971

9:30 A.M.—30°—Knight Kadosh.

1st Apartment: Walter Kirby, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master. Assisted by Francis W. Clark.

2nd Apartment: Clifton Matthews, 32°, Master. Assisted by Cecil T. Boyette and Mark Ellis.

3rd Apartment: Dennis Boyette, Master. Assisted by E. S. Sasser, T. Bruce Boyette, Cecil Boyette, Clifton Matthews, Mark L. Ellis and Walter Lamm.

4th Apartment: Carl Aycock, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master. Assisted by Claude A. Anthony and Herman L. Barnes.

12:00 M. —Luncheon.

1:30 P.M.—31°—Inspector Inquisitor. L. T. Barrington, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Francis W. Clark, C. Wallace Jackson, B. F. Gillikin, A. N. Heath, Reynold S. Davenport, Eddie Paul, Jr., Chas. T. Potter, V. J. Spivey, Warren H. Coolidge, W. C. Hammond, Johnny West, Oscar Aldridge and Charles Dickinson.

3:30 P.M.—32°—Master of Royal Secret. Wm. R. Leggett, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Donald Hinds, Lee Dorsey, Kirby Hawkins, Jimmy Rochelle, Johnnie Braxton, R. L. Pugh, R. D. Shinkle, John D. Charlton, Amos Leggett, Robert Dawson, Carol Mercer, Wiley Hill, Marvin Kornegay and Ronald C. Wall.

5:45 P.M. —Banquet closing Reunion. The Grand Master's Night.

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Perhaps Masonry in North Carolina has not had such depth of scholarship and understanding of the teachings of Masonry as was manifested in the life of Brother Thomas R. McCrea.

Brother McCrea was a regular contributor to the BAGPIPE and he was also responsible for the format of the magazine. We would like to proclaim his virtues with a tribute that would be worthy of his beautiful life, but perhaps this can be better done by presenting, first of all a tribute from a very close friend of his, into whose family Tom had married, who loved him very much, Brother Alvin M. Fountain, Professor Emeritus of English at N. C. State University:

TOM McCREA, MY FRIEND

Tobacco Warehouses and the chant of the auctioneer were comparatively new things in South Georgia, in 1922. This writer, acquainted with all these things in Eastern Carolina, was a blase' onlooker when the market opened late in July, while he was on a visit to relatives in the hustling city of Tifton.

Despite the newness of the work, all functions went nicely according to the best rules of the industry, and the chant sounded strangely like the ones this visitor had heard in the markets back home. Even the young fellow with the clipboard, following the auctioneer and the several buyers as they thumbed the ties of the golden leaf and smelled the quality, seemed unusually alert as he kept the necessary notes of buyer, seller, and price.

But he deserved and received more than a short glance. His belt-buckle said Ga. Tech, and immediately this rising senior of N. C. State booked him as a man to know; and the easy grasp of the clipboard in his comfortable left hand, the easy good nature of the expression of face — all these things made a deep impression on the visitor.

Then, suddenly the relatives called time, and host and visitor left the warehouse for other modes of sightseeing and entertainment. The young Tech student never knew that he had been so closely observed; and the visitor never heard the fellow's name nor had any least means of identification.

Eighteen months later, almost to the hour, the two met head-on, as they walked the campus of N. C. State, the one in process of transfer from Georgia Tech, and the other in preparation for graduate study. The situation was quite different, but the same friendly and alert expression of the stranger made identification inevitable. The two became fast friends in a relationship that was to continue for almost a half century.

Within the hurried pace of the mid-twenties, the Georgia-ite graduated, visited many times in the home of his chance acquaintance in Onslow County.

But more importantly, he had met the beautiful and accomplished Lennie Fountain Brown, first granddaughter and namesake of a favorite aunt of his host. They were married in June, 1929. From that point, the history is one of rising promotions and recognition in biological chemistry with nationally known drug firms, till retirement.

In August, 1970, Lennie Fountain Brown McCrea died after a long and painful illness; then, just over the edge of 1971, Tom McCrea passed on, without pain or suffering, except possibly the anguish of loneliness and the pulling of heartstrings.

ALVIN M. FOUNTAIN
Emeritus Professor, English
N. C. State University

Raleigh

Brother Tom's wife, Lennie, passed away in August, 1970, and shortly thereafter Tom composed a very beautiful and moving tribute to her, entitling it: "Passed This Way", (A Husband's Farewell to his Beautiful Lady). This is such a beautiful and moving tribute, expressed in matchless English, it is felt the BAGPIPE readers can catch a glimpse of the beauty of Tom McCrea's soul through its composition. It follows:

PASSED THIS WAY

(A Husband's Farewell To His Beautiful Lady)

She touched the earth so lightly that scarcely anyone knew she'd passed, except the daffodils and the dogwood blooms that garlanded her walkways; the hyacinths, the iris and the wild flowers that waited her out in the fields and forests, and on the far hillsides.

Nor did the people know that the wild birds sang their tuneful obligatos just for her, to whom Nature gave more of heaven than of earth; and when she was gathered to her people some didn't even know she'd walked among our pleasures, our defeats and our triumphs, feeling dawn, seeing sunset glow; yet, touched our lives like the bee, the rose and the dew its petals.

So, we lowered her unto the warm Southern loam that from her fair uncumbered flesh the substance of wild flowers, dogwood blooms, daffodils, iris and hyacinths will spring, come Spring, and red roses open to trumpet wild birds' singing — sweet loreleis to an ascending soul homing home.

Sing softly now your lofty odes to the seasons' change — Summer twilight on the range, many sunburned leaves running before a breeze, the quiet soft counterpane of deep winter snow, and know that the winds blow more gently now and a bit warmer in that the Spirit of Lennie McCrea passed this way.



DOWN ON SLOW WAY

By

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°



To promote the sale of some cars it is claimed that you can fix them yourself. Well now, this is all right for some of these handy gentry but it sure rings up a "no sale" with me. Woe be unto the machine that I try to fix.

When our son was a little fellow one of his favorite toys was a telephone that had a dial and a bell and was different from a real phone only in that if you left it alone it would leave you alone. One day he told me the bell on his phone wouldn't ring so I got out the trusty old tool kit and prepared for action. Mary Frances, always dubious concerning my efforts with things mechanical, tried desperately to stave off disaster. She pointed out all kinds of advantages in a phone that wouldn't ring, even wished ours would drop the habit. She said the thing still looked like a phone and the dial still worked and she suggested it would be real nice if I would turn on the light or turn off the radio or do anything that was more in line with my proven capabilities. Naturally, these remarks only strengthened by determination to fix the phone and I took it apart. To my credit it must be said that I found the bell. That is not to say that I fixed it. In fact, when I finally got the whole business back together the dial wouldn't

work and the thing didn't exactly look like a phone anymore. Mary Frances was some sort of "I told you so-ish" about the whole episode and will remind me of it even today if I so much as pick up a screwdriver or a wrench.

Once I was going to save paying the plumber five dollars and something I did wasn't just right and it cost something like sixty dollars to get our bathroom back into operation. What really hurt was when the plumber laughed at me and when Mary Frances reminded me of that phone.

Some people save money by buying motor oil by the case and doing their own oil change. I tried this — one time. I got the oil changed OK, but a day or so later I noticed oil dripping beneath the car. It turned out to be leaking around the drain plug, I figured this would be a simple thing to handle, so I got a wrench and under there I went. Well, I struggled for the best part of an hour and skinned my knuckles and soaked up a pint or so of oil drippings before I would acknowledge defeat and take the car to a garage. The mechanic took his wrench to that plug and he barked his knuckles and he soaked up his ration of oil and he laid a general cussing on what-ever idiot it was that had got that plug

so catawampus in the first place. I chose not to enlighten him concerning the idiot's identity. It turned out to be a right expensive oil change and Mary Frances mentioned that phone and I quit changing oil.

I bought a new car last year and shortly discovered that something was terribly wrong with the brakes. Each time I stopped they made an awful clunk and they'd clunk again when I started forward. I managed to get the car back to the garage without an accident and the service manager listened gravely to my fears and then he listened to the clunk. He raised the trunk lid and secured the jack so it wouldn't roll over each time I stopped and started. He's a friend of mine, which, I guess, is the reason he didn't laugh at me.

Me buy a car that I can fix myself? It's impossible. I'd just as soon take on another toy phone.

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Masonry respects all men who have a belief in a Supreme Being. Not all men hold the same conviction relative to Jesus. Yet, there is one realization which is dear to the heart of all Masons regardless of any religious affiliation. Whatever it is that has taken place since the body of Jesus was laid in the tomb, whatever it is that has come to pass, there can be no doubt as to the marvelous change it has produced among men. His disciples were lifted out of cowardice and weakness into a new truth, new character, new certainty, and new power. What was it that thus lifted them? His followers had no doubt about it. They knew what it was that had changed them. From the beginning to the end, they unequivocally declared it was the resurrection of Jesus. The seal and certification of all that they declared found its basis in the resurrection. It was the resurrection which opened their eyes so that things which they once did not understand had now become clear. This transformation is one of the facts of the resurrection itself. You don't get a revolution of this kind without some dynamic fact behind it. Not only the fact of the survival of Jesus, but the fact of his emergence from the grave. There was the empty tomb. If the tomb was not empty, then the declaration of the Apostles could have been refuted then and there! The body could have been produced. The resurrection of Jesus accounts for all the transformations which followed. It, first of all, cast a transfiguring glory upon Jesus himself. And second, it transformed his followers.

Even the disciples who had walked close to this Man had never really under-



Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

stood Him until their eyes were opened by the startling facts of the resurrection. Our understanding of this Man will be no better than theirs unless we see Him in the light of Easter morning — the Lighting of the Lights. For many years I went about with a distorted vision. All things seemed to have a mist before my physical eyes. It was only after I was fitted with corrective glasses that I was able to see things in true perspective and clear outline. Up to that time I had seen

things in a hazy and confused way. It is in the realization of the resurrection that the spiritual eyes of His followers were corrected. The words which He spoke during his lifetime and ministry, and the deeds which he did, can only be truly apprehended and appreciated when we view the resurrection as the background. What sense or meaning can one get from such sayings as, "Come unto me, and I will give you rest," "I am with you always", if He who spoke them has Himself been overcome by death forever. Here is something that every Mason, regardless of his religious heritage and tradition can accept as a precious promise of the Supreme Being. That is what I mean when I affirm that the teachings of this Man is transformed by the Light which shines from an Empty Tomb, and is given an authority which attaches to none other. When someone once said to Talleyrand that he had originated a religion which was superior to any other, but that he did not know how to launch it upon the world, Talleyrand said, "Go and be crucified, and in three days rise again from the dead; that is the way to launch a religion." While Scottish Rite Masonry proports to teach no single religion, its precepts and doctrines are pure religion! We take strength and encouragement from this man, Jesus.

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lowers into new men. They went forth with no faltering step or stammering speech. The change in them was of so extraordinary and revolutionary character that it was nothing short of a miracle! What their eyes saw, their hands handled, and their ears heard, they were bound to declare. They addressed one another with such words as these: "That we sorrow not as others do which have no hope, for if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so also them which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him." Masons do, indeed, believe in the resurrection and immortality.

It was not only Jesus who was raised from the dead. In that resurrection, the followers also rose; they rose from being frightened, baffled, discouraged men to be a confident, clear-sighted and powerful band. It completely changed them. It changed their thoughts of this world and of the world to come. It changed their purpose and motion in life. There is power and comfort in this truth today.

As Masons "extinguish the lights" on this Maundy Thursday, be ever reminded, my brothers, that we shall "relight the lights" on Easter Morn. Whatever your religious faith, ponder the effect of the resurrection and immortality. May the inner-resurrection be experienced by you and by me in this period of our history. May we rise out of the dust of defeat, the mist of doubt, the palsy of weakness, into the light and power of the "faith" that sends Masons forth with a burning zeal and confident assurance.

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"From Up The Neuse"

by John D. Charlton, 32°

For several months now I have not contributed an article to the "Bagpipe" for the simple reason that I can find nothing original to say! In times passed I have felt compelled to lift up a thought, an idea, or a truism with application to our present. But, each month as I read "The New Age" I find my thoughts and feelings so adequately expressed that any attempt of mine would be but to copy the thoughts of others more learned than I. Realizing this can be a humbling experience, as well as an enlightening one. To finally come to grips with ones limitations and strive to perform as best you can at the level of achievement you have attained can be a worthy and satisfying experience. This does not mean that anyone should say this is as far as I can go and stop trying to better himself. It simply means that continued effort will enable one to do a better job at his present station and in this satisfaction will be found, as well as respect and appreciation of others.

I would like to direct your attention to the March, 1970 issue of "The New Age". Now you may not believe this, but after I had written the above paragraph I picked up this issue and it fell open to an article entitled "Resulting Satisfaction" by Dr. R. W. Miller, 33°. I started to tear the above up and say forget it, but let me leave you with a thought from the article and hope you will take time to dig this issue out and read, or re-read as the case may be, this enlightening discourse. "Real wisdom comes only as the



JOHN D. CHARLTON, 32°,
Kinston, N. C.

result of thought — too often we do not seek the balance between what we are able to do and what the results of doing will be." We need to weigh each action of life against the question: "What will be the results?" As we plan each day, we need to ask ourselves — is what I am planning constructive and will there be a "resulting satisfaction." This is the call that resounds from the principles of Scottish Rite Masonry.

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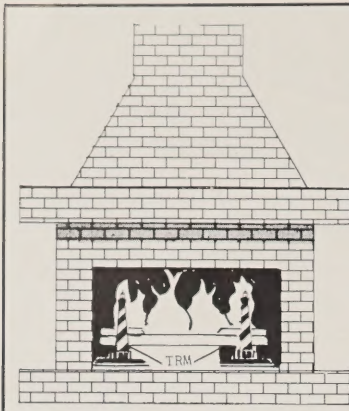
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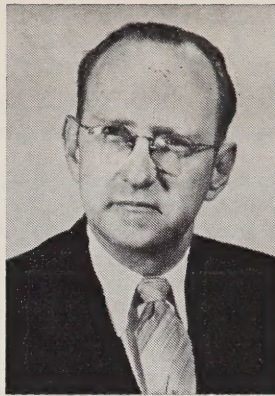
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HEARTHSIDE CHATS

By
Tom MacRae, 32°



The State House, as this issue of The Bagpipe goes to press, has approved legislation which will make it illegal to show contempt for national or state flags by public acts of "mutilation, defiling, defacing or trampling."

The State Senate, presumably, will also approve this needed legislation. (What lawmaker will go "on record" as not approving it?)

This particular legislation brings to mind one of our most-dedicated fraternal brothers, Col. Joe A. Nelson, commanding officer of New River Air Station near Jacksonville.

Nelson is proud of his Marine Corps service and his nation's flag. Since assuming command of this helicopter base he has taken a stand other military commanders should enforce.

Not long ago we received a tip that automobiles displaying peace decals could not enter the Air Station. There was also a report that a long-haired disc jockey was barred.

Seeing the possibility of a story, we invested \$1 of the N & O's funds and

bought a peace decal, stuck it on the hood of the car and attempted to enter the Air Station.

We were promptly stopped at the gate by a military policeman who said, "You'll have to take that off before you come aboard base." His finger pointed at the decal.

Later that afternoon — the decal was removed — we chatted with Brother Nelson in his office. He said the "long-haired" disc jockey had been barred from the Air Station but went into more detail:

"He was wearing a costume covered with peace symbols, there was an American flag sewed to the seat of his trousers, and his car was covered with mutilated American flags," Nelson said.

Nelson said the order prohibiting peace decals was issued in order "to keep potential security risks" off the reservation.

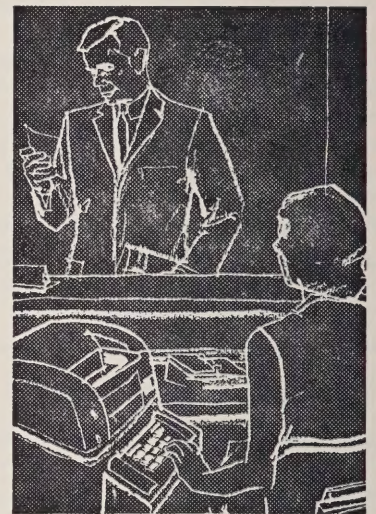
The colonel's order states in part:

"Ornaments, trinkets, symbols and other devices which are commonly worn by 'hippie' or dissident elements are strictly prohibited. These items include, but are not limited to the following items: beads, headbands and peace symbols."

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"The Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club", held its regular meeting Monday night March 1, 1971, at "Tetterton's Restaurant" where a delicious steak dinner was enjoyed by sixteen members present. There were three prospects present, one of which filled out his petition, and signed it, before the meeting was over. We are very hopeful that others will file before our Spring Reunion.

We were especially happy to have Brother Dick Lucas present at our meeting, this was the first time Brother Dick has been out, since his recent operation. He is doing fine and we are very pleased with his progress.

Our next meeting will be April 5, Monday night, at 7:00 P.M.

The Easter season is fast approaching, as well as our Spring Reunion, the theme

of which is "Immortality" a fundamental teaching of the 18th Degree. There seems no good reason why the consideration of the doctrine and truth of the soul's immortality should be relegated exclusively to Easter Sunday. There come times when, for one cause or another, the pressure of this sweet and solemn reality

falls upon the mind and heart alike with an urgency that cannot be resisted and that cries out for utterance.

It is not apparent why this matter ever has been, or is now treated with any degree of shy regard. Properly considered it is the most practical question that confronts us. If it is replied that the matter is one that relates itself to the future and that it is therefore properly withdrawn from the field of our immediate regard, we shall have to admit that it does relate itself to the future, but that its bearings are not on that account any less direct and urgent upon the present. Appreciatively and earnestly considered there is not an aspect of life, nor a passage in our experience whose real value and significance will not be determined by the answer we return to the question of the soul's eternal possibilities.

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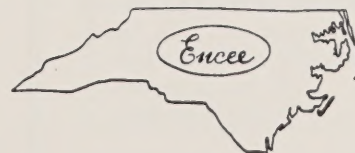
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pose to rehearse here, except in utmost brevity, those reasons for belief in immortality, already made familiar to us by frequent repetition. For most of us they may be amply sufficient without recourse to what we may adduce by further study. To those who without reserve accept the New Testament Scripture as a book truthful in its teachings and valid as a work of history, no supplementary argument will be requisite.

The story therein contained of Christ's resurrection made all the more credible by the conflicting statements of those who testified to it, is a feature of the record and an explanation of what followed after, and has followed ever since, that cannot be cut out of the sacred volume without reducing it to a package of literary rags. Without the resurrection of Christ, almost twenty centuries of gospel Christianity have nothing to support themselves or to explain themselves.

Still more logically effective with some, and perhaps most, is that certain sense of things that are eternal, that larger meaning of the human soul which not so much the mere resurrection of Christ as the contemplation of His life has taught us to discover. It is that which we may understand to have been the intention of the apostle when he speaks of life and immortality as having been brought to light through the gospel. Wherein St. Paul's thought would not seem to have been upon any specific event in our Lord's life, as that of His rising from the dead, but upon that entire world of the spiritual and the divine upon which His whole earthly career opens out in such large rich prospect.

It is not difficult to understand the degree to which the present temper of the times is tending to embarrass belief in soul's immortality. Men's eyes are upon things, upon things interpreted coarsely. Besides that it is an era of sense enjoyment. Men are physically intoxicated with the tangible delights of a luxurious age. When people's eyes are bent upon the ground, the sky remains as blue, the stars as sparkling, the sun as bright, but there remains no consciousness of sky, sun or stars. The ground floor of human nature only is tenanted and the upper stories and the sky-loft is vacant and to let.

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Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club held their regular meeting Sunday, March 7th at the Washington Masonic Lodge No. 675 on W. 5th St.

This was a charcoal cookout with each member furnishing his own meat and the club furnishing all of the extras. Each member charcoaled his steak and the rest of the meal was prepared by Fred Hollis and Albert Lassiter with their

wives. The meal was served at 6:30.

President Ray Alexander presided.

The invocation was by Wm. W. Alligood.

After a very delicious meal, a delightful fellowship hour was enjoyed by all. Harmon Davis and his wife Hazel were welcomed as new members. Harmon is owner of the new Goodyear Tire Center here in Washington. The Davis' have been in Washington for only a few months, coming here from Greensboro, N. C.

Edw. Edwards was out of town and Ashley Leggett was asked to act as Sec-



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12:00 P.M. Lunch—Scottish Rite Temple

2:00 P.M. Tour of New Bern's famous 67 points of historic interest

6:30 P.M. Dinner at Temple

Thursday

8:00 A.M. Tour of Camp Lejeune

1:00 P.M. Lunch—Jacksonville, N. C.

3:00 P.M. Theatre Party, Masonic Theatre

5:45 P.M. Dinner at Temple

retary in his absence.

The minutes and the treasurer's report were approved.

After much discussion about the upcoming Ladies' night party, President Ray agreed to contact Robert Pugh and set the party up. He also called attention and urged every member to try to get as many candidates as they could.

Ashley Leggett also informed the group that getting candidates was the real purpose of these parties and without candidates the parties may cease. He also informed the group that an audition would be held in New Bern on April 4th

at 2 P.M. for anyone wishing to serve on the 17th degree team for which the Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club is responsible.

It was decided that we would continue our annual herring fish fry, which will be held at W. W. Alligood's summer camp on the Pamlico at Swan's Point. Willis Gray Hodges, Roy Edwards and Julian Vann are responsible for all arrangements.

There being no further business, President Alexander declared the meeting adjourned.

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East Carteret Scottish Rite Club

A meeting of the East Carteret Scottish Rite Club was held at 8:30 p.m., on March 1, 1971, at Franklin Lodge 109. The meeting was called to order by the Secretary, who informed the brothers that it was the 8th anniversary of the founding of the Club. At the first meeting, in March 1963, 14 members were present. To date there are 160 members, with hopes for an increase in membership since the Spring Reunion will soon be here.

With this Spring Reunion only about 5 weeks away, the brothers were urged to work harder in recruiting new candidates. Ladies night is to be April 3, 1971, at 7:30 p.m. at East Carteret High School. Members will be receiving their invitations soon, and it is hoped that there will be a good group ready for fellowship and food.

After a few remarks from some of the brothers, the meeting was adjourned.

John C. Campobasso,
Secretary-Treasurer

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Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club

The Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club met at the Carolina Coffee Shoppe at 8 o'clock P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Brother Wilton Walker, Jr., President. Minutes of last meeting were read for information.

The following officers were elected for the year 1971. Brother G. G. Kight, President; Bro. C. S. Jones, Vice-President; and Bro. R. K. Hollomon, Secretary and Treasurer.

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To bring us bitter loss,
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To help bear the cross.*

William Dodson Powell, 32°, Norfolk, Va.

February 16, 1971

Paul Donald Whitehurst, 32°, Durham, N. C.

March 22, 1971

Sherman Everett Burgess, 32°, Belcross, N. C.

March 23, 1971

on March 31. It will be served at Eureka Lodge No. 317 at 7:30 P.M. After the meeting refreshments were served. We

had twenty-one members present.

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Chowan County Scottish Rite Club

The Chowan County Scottish Rite Club held a meeting on March 5, 1971 at its club house on Granville St., Edenton, N. C. There were twenty members and their ladies present.

A fine and delicious steak dinner was enjoyed by all.

A short business meeting was taken up by discussion of the up-coming Reunion in April. The Ladies' Nite Banquet was also mentioned. All members present were urged to find new candidates. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

H. B. Williford, 32°,
Secretary-Treasurer

Grifton Scottish Rite Club

The Grifton Scottish Rite Club met for their March meeting at the Grifton V.F.W. Hut on Monday night, March 8, 1971 at 7:30 P.M. President Brother Curtis Ward called the meeting to order and Brother Bill Futch gave the invocation. Brother Curtis recognized our guests Brothers Bill Bollinger, Jimmy Pate and Ernest Albritton, potential candidates for the Scottish Rite Reunion, Brothers Jimmy Jenkins and Ray Rouse from Ayden, N. C. and special guest speaker, Brother Bill Leggett from Kinston.

Delicious charcoal steaks were then enjoyed by the twenty-five members and six guests present. Brother Al Haddock missed getting the biggest T-bone steak this time, I believe Brother Sam McLawhorn beat him to it. Brother Chic Johnson received a warm round of applause for his usual superb job as cook. In fact, our newest member, Brother Jimmy Jenkins stated his steak was as good or better than he had eaten anywhere.

After the meal had been completed, a list of names of Scottish Masons from Ayden was read and all members present were asked to contact an Ayden Brother and invite them to meet with us. Our Club would like to take this opportunity to invite all Scottish Masons from Ayden to meet with us and enjoy the fellowship and the good steaks. This writer believes that Brothers Jimmy Jenkins and Ray Rouse will vouch for the warm reception they received.

The names of all potential candidates for the Scottish Rite degrees from the Grifton Lodge were then read and individual Brothers were asked to contact the Brothers and invite them to New Bern for the April 13, 14 and 15 reunion. We have hopes that several Brothers will be going this year.

Brother Bill Leggett then gave us a very interesting and informative presentation of the 32°, of which he is the Master. He explained to us how the thirty-second degree opens the consistory, reaffirms all vows taken in Masonry and then closes by explaining the symbols of the Scottish Rite. Brother Bill also explained the three distinct eras of Scottish Rite in the United States and of the great work done by Colonel Mitchell and Albert Pike in forming and expanding the Scottish Rite of Masonry as we know it today. He further explained how Albert Pike had devoted his life to Scottish Masonry, of the trials and tribulations that good men endured, and how before he died he realized two of his greatest ambitions; a Masonic home in Washington, D. C., and a committee of fraternal assistance for destitute Masons. Brother Bill's fine talk made this writer aware, as I am sure he did all those present, that we are now living in a very good era of Scottish Masonry compared to past times and we should really appreciate it.

There being no further business to be attended to we adjourned. Our next meeting will be held on Monday night, April 12, 1971 at 7:30 at the V.F.W. Hut. We would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all Scottish Masons in the Grifton and Ayden areas to join with us. We would also like to invite all Master Masons who have not taken the Scottish Rite Degrees to get right and go on down to New Bern for the April 13-15 reunion for the time of their lives.

Yours truly,

Lewis E. Mumford, Jr., Scribe

Martin County Scottish Rite Club

The Martin County Scottish Rite Club met Feb. 3rd at Town & Country Restaurant, with 22 members present. The invocation was given by J. L. Williams. Mr. Richard Duke was the speaker for the evening. He gave us a timely talk that was enjoyed by all.

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The Martin County Scottish Rite Club met March 3rd at Holiday Inn Restaurant. Due to the weather conditions our attendance at this meeting was very small. Our speaker for the evening was Mr. P. C. Bryant, who gave us a very informative and interesting talk on farming and agriculture.

After a delicious dinner we were adjourned.

W. R. (Bud) Swain, President
J. L. Williams, Vice-President
T. Marvin Britton, Sec.-Treas.

New Bern Scottish Rite Club

As spring turns the corner of March, we are reminded by the budding of the trees, the blooming of the flowers, and the seeming newness of life around us that we too have the gift of life eternal.

Too often, we think of that eternal life as only beginning with the resurrection day; as some vague "immortality" beyond the skies. Actually, our entrance into eternity should be while we are engaged in our daily lives on earth. It is a gift of God that we may enjoy here and now if we want it enough to follow Christ and obey his commandments. It is the greatest prize and goal of all human life.

As Easter, the outstanding day of the Christian year approaches, it has bound into it the eternal hope of every Christian believer. It reveals that Jesus Christ, though crucified, dead, buried, risen, and ascended, is still in the midst of believers here on earth.

Our entrance into that newness of life can best be celebrated by sharing the joys we have found with our brethren. As our Spring Reunion approaches with its "Immortality Class", let us begin our eternal life by offering the enlightenment of the Scottish Rite degrees to those who have not discovered the fellowship, the brotherly love, and constant source of inspiration found therein.

"The tabernacle of God is with men — and they shall be his peoples, and God himself shall be with them, and he their God; and he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more." (Rev. 21: 3-4)

C. F. Dickinson,
Secretary-Treasurer

Editor's Mail Bag

New Bern, N. C.
March 6, 1971

Mr. R. L. Pugh, 33°, Secretary
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Dear Brother Members of the Scottish Rite:

I want to thank each and every one of you from the depths of my heart for paying my dues for 1971. I cherish the memory of our association together. I may never be able to go into the temple again but I trust that if you or any of the members have time, you will visit my home. Give my best regards to the office personnel. May God bless you all.

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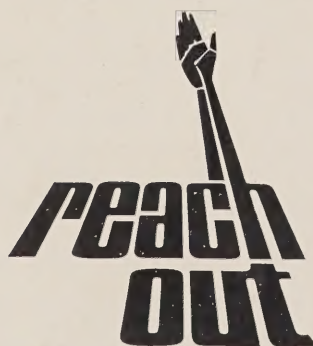
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